* Interception and diversion works to capture the raw sewage flowing into the river through open drains.

* Sewage treatment plants for treating the diverted sewage.

* Low cost sanitation works to prevent open defecation on river banks.

* Electric crematoria and improved wood crematoria to conserve the use of wood and to prevent throwing of unbumt dead bodies into the river.

* Improvement in bathing ghats to allow the use of rivers for bathing by people.

These steps will facilitate in minimizing the pollution level in rivers taken up under NRCP and in turn will benefit the riparian population in the States.

Forest area in Gujarat

3771. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken for expanding the forest area in Gujarat; and

(b) the details thereof and money spent thereon during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SrNGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) The Ministry has provided financial assitance through various Centrally Sponsored Forestry Schemes for protection and increase of forest cover on forest lands in all States/Union Territories including Gujarat in the Ninth Plan. During the Tenth Plan the Ministry has launched the National Afforestation Programme by merging all Centrally sponsored afforestation schemes of the Ninth Plan which is being implemented through the decentralised set up of Forest Development Agencies (FDAs)-confederation of Joint Forest Management Committees. The details of Financial assistance provided through various forestry schemes of the Ministry to the State of Gujarat during the last five years are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Details of financial assistance provided under various schemes for development of forests for protection and increase of the forest cover on forest lands in Gujarat by the Ministry of Environment and Forests during the last five years.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Yea-	NTFPS	IAEPS	AOFFPS	ASTRPS	FFCM	GADP
1997-98	57.68	36.63	135.98	0.00	27.73	—
1998-99	58.66	13.00	157.10	14.04	39.055	123.80
1999-00	116.65	58.94	212.45	15.00	18.00	140.48
2001-01	191.62	221.45	20627	32.76	2628	180.98
2001-02	139.97	398.17	170.56	2223	74.50	74.77
2002-03 (upto 31-12-03)						1921
TOTAL	564.58	728.19	882.36	84.03	181.565	539.24

NTFPS — Non Timber Forest Produce Scheme

IAEPS — Integrated Afforestation and Eco- development Projects Scheme.

AOFFPS — Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme.

ASTRPS — Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in the Regeneration of Degraded Forests on Usufruct Sharing Scheme.

FFCM — Forest Fire Control and Management Scheme.

GADP — Gujarat Afforestation and Developme nt Project.